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Youth Lead: Kathy Hampson
Children + Families: Carol Harvey, Sue Jones and Lyn Bisseker
Church Hall Caretaker + Cleaner: Emma Benting

The Vestry also approved the names of those licensed to
serve the Elements; the Pastoral Team, and Worship Leaders.

**Ministry Area Council (MAC ) Members:**

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**Co opted:** (max of 7 others will be added at first MAC meeting)
- Carol Harvey
- Lyn Bisseker
- Sian Pritchard

**Ex Officio:**
- Rev Miriam Beecroft, Terry Holland, Kathryn Robson
- Rev Linda Bailey
- CYFME: Gareth Williams, Pam Odam, Derek Munday

**Retired clergy cannot officially be part of MAC but are always welcome!**

**Pam Odam and Sian Pritchard are both willing to continue to serve as Administrators.**

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**Loving his world**

From Anna Jane Evans  

**Christian Aid**

Refugees,

**we won't turn our backs now**

60 years ago, something special happened. In May 1957 churches throughout Britain and Ireland decided to put aside one week in the year to outreach into their communities, inviting their neighbours to be part of the churches’ ongoing work of helping refugees in the aftermath of the Second World War. Christian Aid Week was born!

Twenty places in Wales organised collections for that first Christian Aid Week in 1957. Church members used whatever they had to make collecting tins (think, OXO and Ovaltine) and boldly took to the streets. They shared about the needs of refugees in Europe, the work the churches were doing, and invited their friends and neighbours to help.

Fittingly Christian Aid Week 2017 focuses on our work with refugees in Europe today. While the majority of today’s refugees seek sanctuary in poor countries, in 2015 some one million people crossed into Europe. Since the borders closed during 2015, thousands of people are stranded in refugee camps in Greece, Serbia and Macedonia, countries that have been entry points to the rest of Europe. European countries are deadlocked over who should take responsibility and Greek authorities have yet to receive the bulk of resources promised to enable them to respond adequately. There are currently an estimated 57,000 refugees stranded in Greece. They are waiting for the political situation to change and living in fear of being sent back home. They are in urgent need of our help. With your help, Christian Aid and its global partners continue to provide support for refugees, with essentials including, food, shelter and job skills training, as well as advocating for policies to protect and help them on the ground. Christian Aid’s work in Greece includes setting up community kitchens – providing stoves and cash to allow refugees to buy and cook their own food is an important shred of autonomy. We are also providing legal protection services to unaccompanied children and families and housing support to some of the most vulnerable refugees awaiting relocation. £5 could provide two nutritious meals for a refugee in Europe £50 could buy a stove for refugees to cook their own food and enjoy tastes of home £132 is enough to set up a shower unit to give a refugee a safe and clean place to wash £285 could buy fridges for a community kitchen in a refugee camp – Every single action counts to raise vital funds to bless many lives. From 1957, when a generation of Christians decided they would not stand by while people suffered in refugee camps, to today – we won’t turn our backs now.

**What will you be doing this Christian Aid Week? (14-20 May)**

Anna

In Bro Ardudwy our 2 refugee collection churches continue to receive essential clothes etc. Thanks to all who help with that. BARMOUTH: on Thursday May 18th 10am—12.30 we join together at Christchurch for a Cake Stall + Coffee Morning+ Street Collection. Perhaps you can help with that? On Sunday 21st at 6pm Miriam will be preaching at an United Christian Aid service at Christchurch. Could there be a united service at St Tanwg’s too—on a different evening—to link in with the clothes collection? Could you have a coffee morning /cake stall in your communities? We can get collection envelopes. Please talk about this.
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You will remember that the BRO LENT COLLECTION will support Bridget’s new book for Africa on the subject of disability from a Christian perspective. If you haven’t yet done so—please give generously today or next Sunday at latest.

EASTER SUNDAY (morning service) collections are going to Christian Aid’s East Africa Appeal. Please can wardens contact Pam who will co-ordinate this and send on the gift?

GOOD NEWS and other GLEANINGS from the Annual Vestry.
The great news at the Vestry on the finance front was that last year (for the first time for many, many years) the Bro has been able to pay for ministry costs from our giving. Equally encouraging was that our fund raising efforts have covered the running costs of our churches. This was a glimpse of a healthier future - working together for the good of us all. Owain (our new Bro Treasurer) recommended that we should now move ahead to better integrate our finances. Fred (our outgoing Treasurer) fully supported this approach. We thanked Fred for his many years of hard work for the Bro; wished him and Kathleen every blessing on their forthcoming marriage and presented him with a gift of theatre tickets from the Bro. Fred thanked us, commenting on the support he has enjoyed in recent years- ‘making his job much easier’. Our thanks to Owain for all his hard work in reorganising our accounts and for his support of local treasurers and churches.

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Caru'r Byd

Bridget, our mission partner’s Prayer Update is in church today. Please take for your church.

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Tyfu’r Eglwys

last year. This was certainly plenty to celebrate! However, Beth didn’t feel that the true effectiveness of Christian ministry can ever really be measured in rows of figures. Paul, writing to the Galatians suggests another way when he speaks of the fruit of the Spirit. ‘It is when we see these flourishing - an Increase in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - that we know we are on the right track - and I do see these growing throughout the Bro’, said Beth. In preparing her report, Beth had looked back at her first Bro Vestry report in 2014. It was interesting to note how much has been achieved/changed. In 2014 Beth spoke of the need to offer a greater diversity of worship including a mixture of Morning Prayer (which didn’t happen then)and Communion and, especially, services where young families felt welcomed and comfortable. It was mentioned that some of these could even be led by trained lay people in the future! Beth passionately wanted our churches to be unlocked so that everyone had access to them during the week. It was good to note that these things are now a regular part of our church life and that all our churches are open. In 2014 Beth hoped that we would become a church ‘in which every member was learning and growing in their faith and being changed and energised by it.’ To achieve this she hoped that we could offer more opportunities to study and pray together. In 2017 many people are now attending such groups: however it would be good to have more groups/house groups and more people participating.

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Summer is nearly Here! Time to think about our 8-11’s camps again - up here at Cors y Gedol Farm on an amazing new site with bigger and better facilities. See Miriam for info/to book

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